ACT
Discrimination

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

SEP 21 1965

Mr. Julius Hobson
Chairman, ACT
803 Florida Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hobson:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of September 14.

The Federal Disaster Assistance Program and other Federal assistance authorities are operating in Louisiana and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 applies. The President is concerned about all persons who have suffered as a result of this disaster. You are assured that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

If you have any evidence of discrimination in the provision of Federal assistance in Kenner, Louisiana, please let us have the details.

Sincerely,

Buford Ellington
Director

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

February 9, 1965

Mr. Julius W. Hobson, Chairman
Act - The Organization of the Militants
803 Florida Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20001

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I shall be very happy to meet with representatives of your organization to discuss specifics, and particularly answer the nine points set forth in your letter; however, it will take me sometime to prepare the necessary documentation. Coupled with this is the fact that I am presently awaiting a call to testify on the annual budget estimates of this Department before Congress, which may delay the setting of a date.

You may be sure that I want to convince you that the allegation that we practice discrimination is unfounded since our policy is and has always been to recruit and promote on the basis of merit.

I shall be in touch with you at the earliest possible date to arrange a time of meeting convenient to both of us.

I am sure you are aware that claims of this nature reflect upon the morale of our employees - and rumors do spread - so as I did in the case of the complaint filed by the Reverend E. Franklin Jackson, I am circulating copies of both your letter and my reply among the employees of the Permit Control Division in order that they may be aware that our meeting is in the offing.

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Director of Motor Vehicles

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Director of Motor Vehicles

Traffic Safety Is Your Responsibility

Employment

ACT The Organization of the Militants

803 FLORIDA AVE., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.
Phone 667-5295

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Mr. G. A. England, Director
Department of Motor Vehicles
Permit Control Division
301 C Street N.W.
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The following are facts which have been related to us:

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2. Two Negro employees are college graduates, the average Negro employee has been to college, and all Negro employees are high school graduates. There are white employees at higher grades who have not been to college and some white employees who have not even finished high school.

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Washington ACT
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Mr. Schuyler Lowe
Director, Department of General Administration
Government of the District of Columbia
14th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lowe:

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We were surprised at and do not accept your contention that there is no present racial discrimination in your department but that all existing inequities result from past discrimination. Such a happy though unlikely condition would indeed make your department unique among all Federal agencies, a source of pride to the Commissioners and the President and extremely popular among Negro employees. You will certainly admit that this is not the case.

Let us therefore, seriously and honestly move to the business of identifying the areas, persons and circumstances responsible for illegal procedures and non-adherence to the numerous Executive and Commissioners orders which prohibit racial bigotry in the employment and advancement of Negro employees.

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We insist that you then take immediate and positive measures to eliminate these practices, setting short range target dates as done for any other serious program.

We will make another analysis of the racial situation in your department within 90 days. We would also appreciate within that time a revised and current employment and promotional breakdown by race, similar to but more comprehensive than that furnished by Mr. Rilling on March 23, 1965.

Yours sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Chairman
Washington ACT

JWH:dp

TO ALL TENANTS OF THE SOUTH BUILDING

CLIFTON TERRACE APARTMENTS

Dear Tenants,

We have found that we can go to court and get back from our landlord ½ the rent paid during the 2 months period that we were without hot water. In other words, you can get back a sum equal to your monthly rent..

To do this we need to engage a lawyer.. If w[illegible] collect only $1.00 from every apartment, we will have enough money for lawyer fees and court co[illegible]..

Our lawyer will also get a court injunction [illegible] the landlord from ever evicting us or raising our [illegible]..

The money must be paid by Wednesday.. The court suit will be instituted only in the names of those tenants who pay their $1.00.

Please pay your money to the representative on your floor.

[illegible],

Herb McClary

Floor Representatives

1st floor--------Mr.. Parks 110s
2nd floor--------Jeanne Walton 212s
3rd floor--------Herbert McClary ~~204~~ 303
4th floor--------
[illegible] 501

TENANT ASSOCIATION
HIGHLAND DWELLINGS AREA
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20032
MAY 4, 1955

PETITION:

HIGHLAND TENANT'S ASSOCIATION HAD A CALL MEETING AT THE HOME OF THE PRESIDENT , MRS. PAULINE E. HILL 604 GONDON TERR. S. E. THIS MEETING CONCERN THE FIRE HAZARD, AND HEALTH HAZARD OF THE TENANT'S OF HIGHLAND DWELLINGS'. WE THE TENANT'S ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR LIVING CONDITIONS IN THIS AREA. WE FEEL THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF OTHER TENANT'S. WE FEEL THAT THIS SHOULD BE A CONCERN TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE, AND THE CITY AS A WHOLE. IT HAS BEEN AGREED AND VOTED ON BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT THIS ACT BE PUSHED TO IT'S FULL EXTENT; THAT THIS PETITION WE ARE ASKING FOR BE PUT IN THESE DWELLINGS SO THAT FIRE WONT SPREAD FROM ONE UNIT TO ANOTHER.

1. FIRE INSPECTION ON HOW MANY UNITS ARE NOT FIRE PROOF, AND SO LABELED FOR REPLACEMENT.

2. HEALTHY, RECREATION, PLAYGROUNDS FOR THESE INADEQUATE FAMILY UNITS AND THEIR CHILDREN, WITH 8 SWINGS, AND 1 SLIDING BOARD TO ACCOMODATE APPROXIMATELY 5 TO 6 THOUSAND CHILDREN , WITH NO CONCRETE SURFACE.

3. TO DISCUSS WITH OFFICIAL'S HOW TO GET WITH THERE COOPERATION THESE NECESSARY ITEMS HERE LISTED FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

4. NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH COOPERATION JOBS FOR OUR TEENAGERS, AND ADULTS.

5. A SPECIAL PLACE RESERVED FOR THE ELDERLY, SICK OR RETIRED TENANT'S WHO'S CHILDREN ARE NO LONGER IN THE HOME SO THEY WONT BE PUT OUT TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER HOME BECAUSE THEIR CHILDREN ARE NO LONGER RESIDING WITH THEM. AND THE SAME RESPECTS TO RECREATION FACILITIES TO INTEREST AND STIMULATE THEM.

YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION IS APPRECIATED. YOUR INTEREST IS FOOD FOR THOUGHT, AND THE LOVE FOR GOD UNITES US ALL.

TRUELY YOURS
PAULINE E. HILL
PRESIDENT
CLAUDE T. HARRINGTON
VICE PRESIDENT
LILLIAN BROWN
SECRETARY

SOLICITATION FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Are you satisfied with your community?

Do you feel something should be done about over-crowded schools, inadequate public transportation, insufficient recreation facilities?

Would you like to feel that you are an integral part of your community?

If so, we need you to become a member or an elected official of the Washington Highlands Civic Association.

For several weeks, a small group of residents have been meeting and discussing the mutual community problems of Southeast Washington, especially the Washington Highlands Section. This group decided that the key to our problems could be to form one large organization for the purpose of improvements within our area of Southeast Washington.

So far, there are no permanent officers. The name, "Washington Highlands", was chosen solely for the purpose of communication with you and to show some form of organization. We would like to make this a permanent organization with a name agreed upon by the membership and officials elected by the membership; you are needed to prepare a foundation, a constitution and to elect officials for the stability of this organization.

Looking forward to meeting you at:

PLACE: Highland Recreation Center.

DATE: May 19, 1965.

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Any questions pertaining to this organization may be answered by telephoning the following persons between the hours listed:

NAME	PHONE	TIME
John Curtis	562-3206	2 to 4 p.m.
Roland Hollins	563-7192	7 to 9 p.m.
Juanita Mercer	561-9463	7 to 9 p.m.
Dr. Ann Zevollas	561-2776	10 to 12 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

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THIS MUST END! Help your children to live!

Pelaie Lynch
3843-8 st SE

Mrs Agnes R. Coy
3837 8th St S.E.

Elizabeth Fearn
3833 8th St. S.E.

Terry Lee Puryear
3831 8-St SE

Evonne Anderson
3827 8-St S.E.

Mr. Charles H. Dunmon
653 Morton S.E.

Florence Taylor
655 Condon Terr. S.E.

Mrs Willie Jones
651 Condon Terr SE

Yvonne Mims
623 Condon Terrace S.E.

Johnnie Mae Spruce
619 Condon Terrace S.E.

Juanita M. Wilder
611-Condon Ter. S.E.

Robert Lee Collins
607-Condon Terr S.E.

Mrs Florence [illegible]
601-Condon Ter. S.E.

Mrs. Lillie Nelson
624 Condon Ter S.E.

Mr Nathaniel Bay
626 Condon Terr

Mrs Frenda O Sewell
632 Condon Terr S.E.

Henry C. Ne
908 Varney St. S.E., Apt. G.

Mrs Ann Thompson
649 Condon Ter. S.E.

Raymond Grant
625 Condon Terrace
S.E.

Annie Hostiamy
628 Condon Ter. S.E.

J. J. M. Pinkell
634 Condon Terrace

Mr & Mrs C Thomas 638 Con. Ter.

Mr. & Mrs. Myers — 553 Valley Ave. S.E.

Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Myers.
654 E.

Thomas

826 Yuma
4023 8th St.

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1 Mrs Evans 664 Atlantic St. S.E.
2 Philip M Hart 670 Atlantic S.E.
3 Mrs F. E. Frazier - 672 - Atlantic St. S.E.
4 Mrs Sylvia Walker - 676 Atlantic St S.E.
5 MRS Mildred Johnson 678 Atlantic St. S.E.
Mr + Mrs James Bullock - 700 Atlantic St. S.E.
Mrs Rose Houston 704 Atlantic St S.E.
Mrs Carl Corley 706 Atlantic St S.E.
Mrs. Gertrude C. Lehman - 702 - Atlantic St.
Mr + Mrs Lucy Washington 656 - Atlantic St. S.E.
Mrs Estelle Johnson 652 Atlantic St. S.E.
Mrs R. V. Walls 640 Atlantic St. S.E.
Mr William C Walls 640 Atlantic ST SE
Mrs Beatrice Wilson 634 Atlantic St S E

Jennie mae wickman 632 Atlantic St S.E.
Katie L Purnell 648 Atlantic St S.E.

Mrs Bertha Stafford 63: Atlantic St S.E.

Mrs Savannah Williams - 628 Atlantic

Mrs Anna Ruchetter 624 at
Mrs Gloria L. Fears 626 Atlantic St. S.E.

Joyce Brown 538 Atlantic St. S.E

Eleathia Minter 534 Atlantic St S.E

Thelma Parker 602 Atlantic St S.E.
Margaret Bryant 534 - Atlantic St. S.E.
Helen Moore 610 - Atlantic St. S.E.
Robert L. Moore
~~Carl Jackson~~
Eula Mae Dixon 646 Yuma St. S.E.
Burnell Curtis 640 Yuma St. S.E

Virginia Blackwell
642 Yuma St S E

Mrs Lillian Gayles
707 Xenia S.E.
Mrs Agnes Felder
740 - Yuma St S.E.

Mrs Patricia Gray
549 - Xenia St. S.E.
V. Ann Wright
915 Varney St. S.E. # 2.

Joan M. Johnson
738 Yuma St. S.E.

Mrs. Nora E. Armstrong
732 Yuma St. S.E.
Raymond Ord - 744 Yuma St. S.E.

please help your Children live (3)

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THIS MUST END!

Mrs Lula Mae Miller, 152 Yuma St, S.E.
Mr + Mrs John Tandy, 815 Yuma St S.E.
Mr + Mrs William Montgomery 813 Yuma St S.E.
Mrs Sarah Lee Simpkins 811 Yuma St S.E.
Gertrude Vaughan 803 Yuma St S.E.
Mrs. Carol Fleming 4068 Sta St. S.E.
Mrs Mary L. Brown 500 Atlantic St. S.E.
Mr. William M. Copeland
724 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Mr. Leggo (Jas.) 715 Yuma St. S.E.
Jas. & C. H. Leggo

James Mather

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1 Odorw McSwain
3849 8th St. S.E.

2 [illegible]
3403 E St. S.E.

3 Opt W. [illegible]
3841 8th St. S.E.

4 Maxine Fox
633 Condon Terrace

5 Mrs Mamie Williams
635 Condon Terr S.E.

6 [illegible] McStay
643 - Condon Terr S.E.

7 Jean C. Crocker
603 Condon Ter S.E.

8 Ruby Talbert
714 Atlantic St. S.E.

9 Elsie Warren
4013 8th St. S.E.

10 Lyle Matterson

12 Frances E. Webb
713 Elmira St. S.E.

Virginia Tapscott
513 Valley Ave S.E.

13 Margaret Nowlin
3819 - 9th St. S.E.
Earl Nowlin

14 Mrs Katherine Walker
3821-9 St. SE
Mrs Willie M. Fuller
3831-9th. St. SE

[illegible] Gordon
622 Condon Terr. S.E.
[illegible]
10. 612 Condon Terr. S.E.

11. Mrs. Dora Dieringer
770 Atlantic St. S.E.

Mrs E Vaughn
12. 766 [illegible] S.E.

Mrs. Lillie M. Smallwood
711 Xenia Street S.E.

13. Mr. John Henry

14. Mrs Frances Triggs

15. Mrs Emma Harrod

16. Mrs. P. Coates

17. Mrs Addie R. Stewart

Sgt - Major Plukright

19. Loretta D. Gray

20 James Matthews

21 James C. Gray

22 John A Rasnick
2204 Irving St. SE
Wash, DC 20020

Verlene Stokes
848 - Xenia St. S.E.

Michael A McJohnson

Barbara Gray
3838 - 9th St. S.E.

Mr William [illegible]
3832 9th St SE

William Patrick
3830 9th St.
S.E.

Shirley McCree
3826 - 9th St. S.E.

Mrs Leroy Price
3847 9th St. SE.

~~Fire Chief England~~

Ernest A Brooks

Rosalie Coles
3841 - 9th St S.E.

Shirley Jr. Gladden
3839 - 9th St. SE.

Mrs. D. Hicks
3842 9th St. S.E.

Mr. + Mrs. Joseph E. Jones
3864 9th Street S.E. #201
F. L. Paler 7[illegible]-XENIA
Elizabeth Smith - 657 - London Terrace S.E.
Mary A Cockrell 3807 - 9th St. S.E.
Mrs Martha Rowell 3902 - 8th St. S.E.

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Mrs. Pauline E. Hill 604 Condon Terrace SE

Robert Brown Jr

M. Ruth Kelley 731 Yoma St. SE

Wilfred L. Cheatham

Rosa M. Terry - 915 - Walker Pl. S.E.

Mr & Mrs [illegible] 542 Foxhall N.E.

[illegible]
[illegible]
Dorothy B Mooney
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Ruth L. Lynch
3909 8th St. Se.
Hubert McDonald
619 condon ter
Reginald Waters
[illegible] 9 St, S.E.
Mable Mc. Gut
Walter Manning
Mrs. Cora F. Jones
Mrs Daisy Ward
745 yuma
Lawrence Sherman - 754 yuma St S.E
Margaret Brusea.
Mrs Lorettad Dixon
Mrs Thomas Jones 741 yuma St. S.E.

Mrs Ruth Williams - 754 - Atlantic St. S.E.
Mrs Julia Spencer - 752 Atlantic St. S.E
Mrs. Essie Thompson - 748 - Atlantic St S.E.
Mrs Lucille Banks 857 Denver St S.E.
Mrs. Lillian Brown 654 Atlantic St. S.E.
[illegible] Cuney 650 Atlantic St. S.E.
Mrs N. Holloway 729 Yuma St. S.E.
Mr. & Mrs. Albert E Randolph 3836 - 8th St. S.E. Apt. 4 11
Mr & Mrs James R Lewis 451 Valley Ave
Mrs Alice Butler - 714 Atlantic St. S.E.
Mrs. E. Wiggins 708 Atlantic St S.E.
M. Vernon L Smith - 708 Brandywine St S.E.

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Catherine Paige 4010 5th St. SE

Dorothy Holmes 4018 5th St. SE

Marty [illegible] 804 Alabama St. SE

Mrs Thomasinea McManus 729 Xenia St. SE.

[illegible] Brown 3936 8th S.E.

Mrs. J.S. Robinson 723 Lewis St S.E.

[illegible] 723 Xenia

[illegible] Steele 3846 [illegible]

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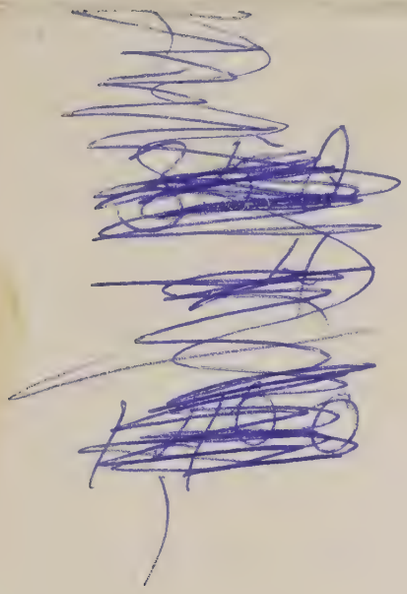
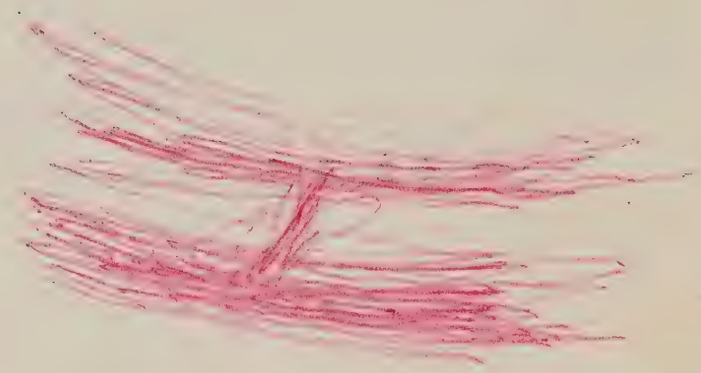
Lawrence Steele 3815 [illegible]





please help your children to live

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Frankie Bruce 738 Xenia St SE,
Ann Morris 735 Xenia St S E
Mrs. Geo F. Lyle - 739 Xenia St S.E.
Ann F. Williams 3901 - 8th, St SE
Garfield Hawkins 601 London Terr.
Mildy Tydings 680 Atlantic St SE
Irene Robinson - 680 - Atlantic St SE.
Miles A McCroy 3909 8th St SE
Mrs Mary Blackwell 3911 - 8th St SE
Mrs Varnell King - 3913 - 8th St SE
Mrs. Evonia Ewell - 756 Yuma St SE
Mrs Constance McSherman - 754 Yuma St. S.E
Mrs. Mary Chase - 758 Yuma St. SE
Mrs. Lula Mae Miller - 752 Yuma St. S.E.
Mrs Mary E. Lucas 756 Yuma St S.E.
Mrs Mattie Ford 748 Yuma St S.E.
Mrs Louis E. Jones 3833 9th Street SE

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Mr. Harry Sander 606 Concon Terr SE
Mrs Virginia Meekins. 737 Xenia St. SE.
Mrs Mary Moten 712 Oakwood St. SE.
Mrs. Thelma Williams - 3835 8th St. SE,
Mrs Mary Jones - 559 Valley Ave SE
Mrs. May Davis 557 Valley Ave, S. E.
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2. Mrs Dorothy 3845 8th Street S.E.
3. Mrs Ruth Kenney
   3839-8th St S.E.
4. Mrs Marion L. Hill
   762 Atlantic St. S.E.
5. Mr William W. Copeland
   726 Yuma St. S.E.

   Mrs Emma Franklin
   734 Yuma st. S.E.
6. Grace M. Howell
   718 Yuma St. S.E.
7. Mrs Ada Jones
   3907 8th St. S.E.
8. Mr. [illegible] H. Lewis

Nancy Cicile
3857- 8 st SE
Wash DC.

Maurice Harrison
Mrs Delores Moore
631 Corcoran Sere. SE

PCT Employment Issue

5/13/65

To the Act Office
We filed Complaints with
a 111 Names with the
Human Relation Office About
the Working Condition in
these Hotels. And About
these Unions Around Washington
And the Hardship that we
have to take because no One
will take a stand

Here is the Story

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5/13/65

"Union Under Fire by Hotels Workers"

Mr Harold D Barclay Presidents Business Manger of Hotels Workers Local 80 AFL-CIO is under fire by Employee at a downtown Hotels and Others Hotels for reported failure to deal with long standing and Present Grievances the Washington learned. Emoployees Grievances Center around Hotels Executive Housekeepers and Asst Housekeepers and Manger and Asst Manger The object of list Complaints filed with Washington Civils Right Group. General Workers' Charged that their Unions has failed to do anything about their Problem. Mr Barclay will denied the change Center

around these Complaints
In one downtown Hotels. The
Maid and Houseman are
Accused the Executive Housekeeper
of using "Nazis Tactics" on those
Under her if you're Colored that
makes her worse especially.
if you go to the Union and
then she start scheming
Then she does thing to try
to Punish you and lie to
the Asst Manger. Grievance
filed by a Group They asked
that and "Investigation"
be Conducted toward a
Possible Change in the
Present Housekeeper of these
Hotels" Other Grievances
Included Inadquate eating
Place for Houseman. The Group
told the Paper that they Want
Corrective Action take in
these Complaints

Hotels Employee said they still face the problem of the Housekeeper and most of the other they complained about two year "We want to separate Union from Management" The Most Important Grievance We want these Union to stop is this "Slavery tactics by Executive House Keepers' and Executive in these Hotels"

J Harry
Mr Fenton Wright
22-57th St SE
Wash 19 D.C.

584-3483

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON

JOHN B. DUNCAN
COMMISSIONER

September 9, 1964

Mr. Julius Hobson
4801 Queens Chapel Terrace, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20017

Dear Mr. Hobson:

Receipt is acknowledged of a telegram, dated August 22, 1964, which was signed "Executive Committee ACT," which stated that a survey had been made by the Washington Chapter of ACT in the neighborhood of Morris Place and Parker Street (as well as many other streets) and the survey revealed rat infestation in these areas. This telegram was immediately forwarded to the Director, Department of Public Health for appropriate action.

I thank you for bringing this very important matter to the attention of this office.

Sincerely yours,

John B. Duncan

Commissioner, D. C.

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Phone 667-5295

January 28,1965

Mr.Fredrick B. Lee,Chairman
Board of Directors
United Planning Organization
1225 19 Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lee:

We believe that for some unavoidable reason you have not answered our letter of mid-January 1965. We assume that this is the case, and that your silence gives consent to our proposals to enlarge the UPO Board and to open the Board meetings to the public.

We are sure that you are aware of that section of Public Law 88-452 of the 88th Congress which states that "the term community action program means a program which is developed, conducted, and administered with the maximum feasible participation of residents of the areas and members of the groups served".

We interpret this to mean that residents of the area and members of the groups served may be present at Board meetings and participate in Board decisions. Thus,in the light of your consenting silence we would like to know the time and place of the next Board meeting so that some of the members of the groups served may attend and aid you in carrying out the law.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Julius W. Hobson

Julius W. Hobson, Chairman

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1730 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C., FEDERAL 8-5960

January 28, 1965

Dear Mr. Hobson:

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 1965.

I have referred your suggestions to the Executive Committee of the United Planning Organization for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Lee

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President
United Planning Organization

Mr. Julius W. Hobson
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SOURCES OF MATCHING FUNDS

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EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE

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PART D—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

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TITLE II—URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

PART A—GENERAL COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SEC. 201. The purpose of this part is to provide stimulation and incentive for urban and rural communities to mobilize their resources to combat poverty through community action programs.

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

42 USC § 2782

Definition.

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(2) which provides services, assistance, and other activities of sufficient scope and size to give promise of progress toward elimination of poverty or a cause or causes of poverty through developing employment opportunities, improving human performance, motivation, and productivity, or bettering the conditions under which people live, learn, and work;

(3) which is developed, conducted, and administered with the maximum feasible participation of residents of the areas and members of the groups served; and

(4) which is conducted, administered, or coordinated by a public or private nonprofit agency (other than a political party), or a combination thereof.

(b) The Director is authorized to prescribe such additional criteria for programs carried on under this part as he shall deem appropriate.

UNITED PLANNING ORGANIZATION
OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

January 20, 1965

Mr. Julius W. Hobson, Chairman
ACT, The Organization of the Militants
803 Florida Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hobson:

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 1965 requesting a progress report and the disposition of applications left with this office on January 13, 1965. Our employment center is presently processing these applications and they hope to have a report to you within the next 10 days.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

James G. Banks

James G. Banks
Executive Director

1225 Nineteenth Street N.W. • Washington, D.C. • 20036 • Telephone: 296-6140

Original on ACT stationery mailed to Basso
2 carbons to McClary

January 21, 1965

Mr. Alexander J. Basso
Property Manager
First National Realty Corp.
629 F Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Basso:

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Very truly yours,

Herbert H. McClary
For the tenants of
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Clifton Terrace Apt Project

Mary please advise in letters that a meeting is to be held on Tuesday at

110 - Robert L Banks - Mr

115 - Jean W Rodgers - Miss

116 - Joette R. Daniels - Miss

201 Willie Young (at UPO dem. Needs job)

211 Jeanne Walton

214 Jacqueline Fuller

206 Mr + Mrs J. Carper

316 Mr + Mrs H. Williams

311 Mr + Mrs Jerry Jamison

304 Mr + Mrs Yancy

303 Mr + Mr. H. McCloy

401 Mrs Gladys Silver

408 Susan Isley

501 Rev. Walter Morrison

503 Harold A. Huschen

508 Betty S Sampson

514 Joyce West. Jr.

211 - South

Mrs Jeanne Walton

apartment

Clifton Terr.
1/65
McClary

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PETITION FOR RESTITUTION

AND NOW COMES, the above named Petitioners, the Tentants of Clifton Terrace Apartments 1312, Clifton Street N. W. Washington D. C. And therefore your Petitioners complains against the Respondent, the Frist National Realty Corp. of 629 F Street N. W. Washington D. C. And therefore your Petitioners, enter this petition in their behalf and pray that this Honorable court shall grant relief and restitution after having taken this petition under its full consideration.

Your Petitioners, That the said Respondent, The Frist National Realty Corp. is willfully violationing the Housing Regulation of the Distric of Columbia.
Section (2402) Which states, " Each residential building shall be provided with a water heating facility, properly connected with the hot water lines of the required fixtures, and capable of providin g sufficient hot water at a temperature of not less than 120. F at such fixtures to meet normal demands. Where such facility is not under the control of the occupant of any habitation, the owner or licensee of such residential building shall provide and maintain a continuous supply of running hot water to meet normal needs.

WE THE TENTANTS, of these said apartments have not had hot water in a continous supply sense on or about November 23, 1964 A.D.

Also the Respondent is in violation of Housing Regulation . Article 260-Section : 2602.1-2602.4-2603-2605-2607.

THEREFORE WE PRAY JUDGEMENT AGAINST THE RESPONDENT, AND RESTITUTION OF RENTS AND OTHER ACTION DEEM NECESSARY.

CLIFTON TERRACE APT.

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103 Floyd C. Lee

104 Adam S. Franklin

105 Mr + Mrs. J. Sidney Halland

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107 Elmer F. Johnson
Fauna E. Mays

108 Rudolph Carter

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110 Robert T. Parker
Mr. Andrew Kanes

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112 Mr + Mrs Henry Hallie
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115 Jean D. Rodgers

116 Miss Jocelyn R. Daniels

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CLIFTON TERRACE APT.

201-S

202 Orron J. Lewis

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204 Albert M. Cary

205 Jeff Watkins

206 Mr. + Mrs. Jackson

207 Miss Arthur L. Reynolds

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211 Fannie Brooks Mc

212 Jessie Watson

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214 George C. Blackwell

215 Mary C. Nolan

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CLIFTON TERRACE APT.

301-S Mrs Lee Etta Walker

302 A'eola Byrd

303 Mr + Mrs Herbert H McClary

304 Mr + Mrs Young

305 Mrs Rosa M Thompson

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307 Mrs Lonnie Lodge

308 Mrs. Thelma Jackson Copeland

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310 Mr. Ronald Woods

311 Mr + Mrs Jerry Jamison

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316 Mr + Mrs. Harold H Williams

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403 Fredrick Jones.

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501-S Rev. Walter McLean

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Robert L. Lithcart

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Harold G. Hurcher

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Prudette M. Allister

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A.C.T.
4801 Queens Chapel Terrace, N. E.
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Dear Julius:

Let me express real and sincere thanks for your share in the Police Academy In-Service Program for the Detective Bureau last week.

I consider this exceedingly important community service and I feel that the communication which results will pay dividends for our total community in the months and years ahead.

I know that the Police Department is grateful as I am for your contribution to this program of your time and talent.

Sincerely,

Russ

Russell L. Bradley
Executive Director

RLB:lb

cc: Captain Couperthwaite
Mrs. R. B. Harris

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Women more welfare we demand our already earned ~~Rights~~ ~~for the~~ to share in the Economy —

4443-13th Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20017
April 19, 1965

The Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr.
Suffragan Bishop of Washington
Mt. St. Alban

Dear Rev. Moore:

I have read with much interest your comments about the tragic passing of Mary Etheredge and of the scheduled meeting today to plan action against "welfare injustices". As a unemployed Negro mother forced to rear her children alone and gradually being driven to the poverty line as surely as Mary Etheredge, I am sick of seeing the tragedy of Negro life and living exploited for propaganda purposes. Detached from the complexity of forces which denied Mary Etheredge a chance, as it is doing to the rest of us helpless and abused Negro mothers, the lamenting over Mary sounds suspiciously like a chorus of paid mourners of the Middle Ages.

The test of the community's concern for Mary Etheredge is not what they say over her dead body but the courage they exemplify in identifying and fighting the forces which brought her and surely bringing others of our group - deserted, marriage relations waived or annulled by the courts, unwed and despised- to an untimely death. It is not merely that this mother is dead which is so sad but that a whole sector of Negro women constituting a kind of third force in this the Capital of the Western World ~~which is~~ dying as she has died, Not merely because of "welfare injustices" but because we are under the heel of the powerful and popular who insist upon speaking for us without speaking to us of what it is that bothers us - what there is which prevents us from raising our offspring as human beings in this community.

To simplify things by making the "welfare agencies" and Senator Byrd the whipping boy - the target - of all the propaganda of the other guilty forces temporarily confuses the issue and for the moment lets the real oppressors off the hook. First, may it be noted that the end toward which the Negro mother with her brood strives in this land of plenty is not a life at the "welfare" trough, but a place in this economy as a recognized producer and rightful consumer at least commensurate with the economic advantages enjoyed by those who arrived long after our slave forebears had laid the foundation of this great country in their blood, sweat and tears. Many Negro mothers, wed or unwed, will never be satisfied until we are permitted to enjoy the same personal dignity as other mothers in this community.

Thanks and kudos to my personal friend Oliver Ellsworth for this sermon —

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[illegible] 17, 1985

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St. Alban

Dear Bev. Moore:

I have read with deep interest your comments about the Irvin pastorate at Bay Ridge and of the [illegible] to plan action against "Satan Industries". As a [illegible] I need to say how only as the place and especially back [illegible] to the poverty line as Irvin [illegible] pastorate, I am sick of seeing the struggle of Christ's life and living [illegible] crucified and resurrected everywhere. Because from the standpoint of Christ's [illegible] a church, as it is doing in the case of [illegible] Satan's industry, the [illegible] one [illegible] [illegible] of the Church.

The fact of the crucified is unique for Jesus Christ is not [illegible] any over the dead body but the courage they engender in identity [illegible] and freedom the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

As a victim of the Nation's Capital turning its back on me as my children as certainly as it did on Mary, I insist that the issue is not what the "welfare agencies" did or failed to do in response to Mary's pleas for sustenance or survival but why was she forced into the condition in the first place? Why are thousands of others like her slowly being driven to the same fate? This is the question which must be answered by all honest persons. At least it should be faced if you are sincere. We need ask ourselves if we have not entered a period which other less fortunate nations experienced before their collective tragedies, when the rich become richer while the poor become poorer. This is the meaning of Mary's death.

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* ORGANIZATION OF THE MILITANTS * * *

April 19, 1965

The Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr.
Suffragon Bishop of Washington
Mt. St. Alban

Dear Rev. Moore:

I have read with much interest your comments about the tragic passing of Mary Etheredge and of the scheduled meeting today to plan action against "welfare injustices". As an unemployed Negro mother forced to [illegible] her children alone and gradually being driven to the poverty line as surely as Mary Etherede, I am sick of seeing the tragedy of Negro life and living exploited for propaganda purposes. Detached from the complexity of forces which denied Mary Etheredge a chance, as it is doing to the rest of us helpless and abused Negro mothers, the lamenting over Mary sounds suspiciously like a chorus of paid mourners of the Middle Ages.

The test of the community's concern for Mary Etheredge is not what they say over her dead body but the courage they exemplify in identifying and fighting the forces which brought her and are surely bringing others of our group to an untimely death. It is not merely that this mother is dead which is so sad but that a whole sector of Negro women constituting a kind of third force in this the capital of the Western World is dying as she has died, not merely because of "welfare injustices" but because we are under the heel of the powerful and popular who insist upon speaking for us without speaking to us of what it is that bothers us, what there is which prevents us from raising our offspring as human beings in this community.

To simplify things by making the "welfare agencies" and Senator Byrd the whipping boy, the target, of all the propaganda of the other guilty forces temporarily confuses the issue and for the moment lets the real oppressors off the hook. First, may it be noted that the end toward which the Negro mother with her brood strives in this land of plenty is not a life at the "welfare" trough but a place in this economy as a recognized producer and rightful consumer at least commensurate with the economic advantages enjoyed by those who arrived long after our slave forbears had laid the foundations of this great country in their blood, sweat and tears. We Negro mothers, wed or unwed, will never be satisfied until we are permitted to enjoy the same personal dignity as other mothers in this community.

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REGARDING THE SHOOTING OF ROBERT BOWMAN BY ARRESTING OFFICERS PVT EDWARD SPIKER AND PVT ALBERT MCDONALD AND THE AFFRAY BETWEEN THEM AND A GROUP OF BY STANDERS 1230AM APRIL 23 1965. A C T HAS RECEIVED CITIZENS COMPLAINTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ABOVE INCIDENT IS THE CULMINATION OF A SERIES OF HARRASSMENT TYPE ARREST RELATED TO INTER RACIAL COUPLES FREQUENTING THE CARNIVAL CLUB LOCATED AT THE SCENE OF THE AFFRAY. WE DEMAND A PUBLIC INVESTIGATION OF THE BACKGROUND INCIDENTS LEADING TO CITIZENS HOSTILITY TO THE POLICE OFFICER IF WASHINGTON DC HAS A ROIT LIKE OTHER COMMUNITIES LAST SUMMER IT WILL BE TRIGGERED BY POLICE ACTION AS IN THOSE OTHER COMMUNITIES. WE FURTHER CALL FOR THE PURGING FROM THE POLICE FORCE OF THOSE OFFICERS WHOS PERSONAL PREJUDICES ABOUT NEGROES AND/OR ALLEDGE LAW VIOLATORS INFLUENCES THE MANNER OF ARREST AND OTHER OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES WITH CITIZENS.

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April 29, 1965

Mr. Rimsky Atkinson, Vice Chrmn.
Washington ACT
422 - 5th Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Atkinson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated April 24, 1965, which reached me on April 26.

I have requested a complete report from the Metropolitan Police Department concerning the disturbance of April 23. I will take any appropriate action that may be indicated after I have learned the full facts of the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Walter N. Tobriner

President
Board of Commissioners, D.C.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

MAY 3 1965

Mr. Julius Hobson, Chairman
Washington Chapter, ACT
803 Florida Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hobson:

Thank you for your letter of February 13. I'm extremely sorry we haven't gotten you a reply sooner. I hope the following answers to your specific questions will be helpful.

1. A local board directing the Community Action Program must comply with the terms of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, which defines, in part, a "community action program" in Section 202 of Title II as being one ". . . which is developed, conducted, and administered with the maximum feasible participation of residence of the areas and members of the group served . . ."

2. The Board of Trustees of the United Planning Organization was appointed in December of 1962, to direct the activities of the non-profit community agency. Membership on the Board of Trustees was by Presidential appointment, representatives of Metropolitan Government bodies, and Health and Welfare agencies, and representation of a cross-section of the civic, economic and social community structure. The latter, of course, is the central point in Count 10 of your case now before the U. S. District Court. I'm sure that case will answer this question.

The activities of the United Planning Organization since 1962 were in an active program to combat poverty in the Cardozo area, the planning and implementation of programs by the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and other programs funded by the Ford Foundation. In November, 1964, this organization was designated to continue its program in the War on Poverty, and to expand it for the total community. A grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity to perform this responsibility was awarded in December, 1964.

3. The final decisions made by the Board of Trustees of the United Planning Organization in matters relating to the Economic Opportunity Act are approved by the Office of Economic Opportunity. Of course, we have no authority to approve programs funded by other sources involved in the United Planning Organization Program.

4. The conduct of business by the Board of Trustees of United Planning Organization is an internal matter, especially as it relates to open and closed business sessions.

5. Again, I'm sure this question will be answered in the final adjudication in the case, ACT versus UPO.

6. The Equal Opportunity Act of 1964 is designed to eliminate the paradox of poverty in this nation by providing the opportunity for education and training, the opportunity to work, and the opportunity to live in decency and dignity. It is the belief that this can be achieved best when there is maximum feasible involvement of the people to be served at all levels of development in the War on Poverty.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide further information.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sargent Shriver

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May 14 1965

Mr Julius Hobson
Association of Community Teams
803 Florida Ave N W
Washington D C

Dear Mr Hobson

We are enclosing a copy of an editorial on the subject "ACT" which was broadcast over Stations WMAL and WMAL-TV during the week of May 2.

We thought you might be interested in having a copy for your files.

Yours very truly

F S Houwink
Vice President-General Manager

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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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JOHN B. DUNCAN
COMMISSIONER

May 5, 1965

Mr. Julius W. Hobson, Chairman
A.C.T.
803 Florida Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hobson:

At my direction, Mr. Paul M. Rilling of the Commissioners' Council on Human Relations, and Mr. William Quinn, Liaison Representative for the Department of Motor Vehicles, have investigated the allegations of possible reprisals against Mr. James K. Ward, noted in your letter of April 14 to Commissioner Tobriner.

The following information was developed on the basis of the concerns raised in your letter:

1. The March 29 hearing was a regular departmental hearing set up to review Mr. Easton's application for reinstatement of his operator's permit. Such hearings are held by the thousands every year and are quite routine. As far as I can determine, it was not known that Mr. Ward had any connection with this hearing until Mr. Easton made certain accusations involving Mr. Ward during the course of the hearing. At this point, Mr. Ward was asked into the hearing room only to enable him to face Mr. Easton and hear his accusations. It is departmental policy to always permit the employees involved to hear such allegations first-hand.

A review of the transcript of the hearing of March 29 has been made; and it seems to substantiate the claim of the Department that Mr. Ward was advised fully concerning his rights, including his right to make no statements whatever. Mr. George A. England, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, notes further that he discussed the matter with Mr. Ward, informing him of his rights, and that he accompained Mr. Ward to the hearings. The matters involved in Mr. Easton's claims are currently under investigation by the Department.

I am unable to find evidence of reprisals in the circumstances surrounding the hearing.

2. Concerning the allegation that Mr. Birdsong has been harassing Mr. Ward, checking the trash for his memo's, etc., I can only say that Mr. Birdsong denies this allegation, and we are not able to check it further unless there is more information that might bear on the matter.

3. It is true that Mr. Eugene Alber requested Mr. Willie Davis' supervisor to restrict his contacts with Mr. Ward. It is maintained that this action was intended solely to prevent too much distraction during working hours. It is true that similar actions have been taken involving a number of employees, white and Negro, where the Department has felt that too much attention was being given to outside matters. Mr. Ward's unit is not under Miss Mary Silver's supervision, and she was not, apparently, involved in Mr. Alber's action. This type of action by a supervisor is quite common throughout District Government, and I have not been able to determine that any reprisal action was involved in this matter. In any event, I think you would like to know that reprisals are very much against the rules and policies of all Government. The Department informs me that it will definitely not tolerate such.

Your letter also states that Mr. Ward feels that he has been subjected to threats by his immediate supervisor. We have not been able to develop any information on this, but we would be happy to follow-up any more specific data that you may have on this matter.

I am aware that we may not have been able to learn the full facts of this situation. But Mr. England assures me that he will see that justice is done in this case and that there will be no reprisal actions. He also knows that this is the policy of the Commissioners. We stand ready to look into these matters more fully on the basis of any additional information. Mr. Rilling or Mr. Quinn are prepared to talk with you or Mr. Ward about these matters at any time. Mr. England also assures me that his offer to you of a general conference is still open.

Mr. Rilling advises me that you will be hearing from him shortly regarding your general concerns about possible discrimination with the Department.

Sincerely yours,

John B. Duncan

Commissioner, D. C.

CHIEF'S COMMITTEE ON POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Washington, D. C.

MAY 17 1965

Dear Member:

This is to advise you that the next meeting (fourth Tuesday of each month) of the Chief's Committee on Police-Community Relations is scheduled to be held in the Conference Room, Room 5114, Municipal Center, 300 Indiana Avenue, N.W., at 4:00 p.m., MAY 25 1965 .

Please advise regrets only by calling NA-tional 8-4000, extension 412.

FOR THE CO-CHAIRMEN:

John B. Layton

John B. Layton
Chief of Police

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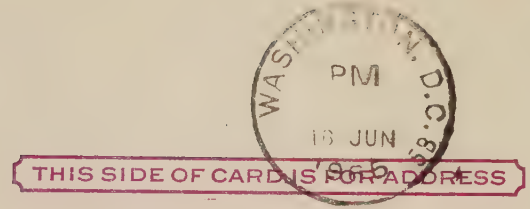
June 16, 1965

CHIEF'S COMMITTEE ON POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The date set for the meeting of our Program Committee - June 22nd, 12:00 noon - was obviously inconvenient for everyone and therefore the date is being changed to Wednesday, June 23, 1965, 12:00 noon, in the office of Shannon & Luchs Company, 900 17th St., N. W., Second Floor.

Please call my secretary, Miss Edwards, 296-2345, and let her know that you will attend.

William E. Shannon



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June 14, 1965

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In the meantime, will you please be kind enough to think of any ideas you could bring up at this meeting.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the Report of the Commissioners' Crime Council which you may or may not have seen.

Very truly yours,

William E. Shannon

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Enclosure

P.S.
Try & make it if you can.

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744 Ridge Rd., S. E.
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June 29, 1965

Mr. Julius Hobson
President, ACT
4801 Queens Chapel Terr. N.E.
Washinton, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hobson;

We wish to thank you for your kind acceptance of our invitation to speak at our mass-meeting of concerned citizens of the Far Northeast - Southeast community on the "Welfare Crisis in the District of Columbia."

The date is July 18, 1965 at 4:00 P. M., Fort Mahan Park, 42nd and Eads Street, N. E., adjacent to Benning Road and Number 14 Precinct.

Again I thank you for your help and sincere concern.

Sincerely,

Lloyd D. Smith

Lloyd D. Smith for
Rev. Andrew Allen
Mrs. Willie J. Hardy

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Dear Julius:

For your great help with the Police-Community Relations Institute in so many ways you have my warm thanks.

Your generous contribution of time with the planning and in attendance at the Institute and for your talent you brought to that planning and to the workshop in which you participated and for the genuine kindness represented by your call to me on the morning after the program you have my grateful thanks.

It's always good to be associated with you in these ventures. You bring enthusiasm which is good for us all.

Cordially,

Russ.

RUSSELL L. BRADLEY
Executive Director

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cc:Leon Brown

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Julius W. Hobson
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William H. Thomas

Many thanks for your acceptance of my invitation to participate in the panel on "Cooperation between Police and Community Organizations".

Our panel will appear from 9 - 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 8, 1965.

The place is the Theater Auditorium of the Naval Receiving Station (a map is enclosed - I plan to leave early to insure start of our panel promptly).

I look forward to sharing with you again in this real community service.

Sincerely,

Russ Bradley

RUSSELL L. BRADLEY
Executive Director

cc: Capt. William J. Couperthwaite
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Let me have any printed material you may wish the boys to study.

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June 10, 1965

Mr. Julius W. Hobson
Chairman, Washington Chapter, ACT
4801 Queens Chapel Terrace, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20017

Dear Mr. Hobson:

On behalf of the National Capital Chapter of the Public Personnel Association, I send our appreciation to you for your enlightening contributions to the discussion of "The War on Poverty."

We are genuinely grateful that you would give so generously of yourself and your time to make our program a worthwhile forum for the presentation of subject matter which we believe is of the greatest importance to this Nation in mid-1965.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hollis B. Bach

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June 22, 1965

The Honorable LeRoy Collins
Director, Community Relations Service
U. S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed newspaper items are about the cases of three members of the Metropolitan Police Department who appeared before the police trial board under charges of making false statements in connection with arrests and stolen property cases.

One case involved two white policemen who were proven to have made false statements in connection with the arrest of two Negro men in the company of a white woman.

In another case a Negro plainclothesman was charged with making an untruthful statement to the grand jury in a case involving the recovery of stolen property.

If the newspaper stories are correct, these cases are riddled with racial overtones. The arrest of the Negro men, and the final dismissal of the Negro plainclothesman call for some outside investigation and evaluation of the facts that lead to differential treatment for similar offenses.

These cases also lend substance to the argument that police departments cannot be trusted to try themselves. As a long standing member of the Chief's Committee on Police Community Relations, and lecturer at the Police Institute, I have stressed the need for objective outside investigations in cases of this nature. I therefore, respectfully request that the Community Relations Service make inquiry about this matter, aimed at seeing that justice is done.

Sincerely yours,

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Chairman, ACT

cc:
Mr. George Culberson, Associate Director
Mr. Samuel Allen, Legal Council

The Evening Star - The Sunday Star
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 7, 1965

Mr. Julius Hobson
4801 Queens Chapel Terrace
Washington, D. C.

Dear Julius:

Just a note to tell you that I have written Eric P. Swenson, Executive Editor and Vice President of W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., saying that you might have a worthwhile book on race relations.

Eric is a splendid person, and a fine editor. I don't know if you have done anything more about the book -- that is, approached other publishers -- but it certainly would not hurt to talk to Swenson. I would suggest you write him telling him in general your ideas for a book.

The address is: 55 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10003.

Please give my regards to your wife.

Best, as ever,

Haynes

Haynes Johnson

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CHIEF'S COMMITTEE ON POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Washington, D. C.

JUL 20 1965

Dear Member:

This is to advise you that the next meeting (fourth Tuesday of each month) of the Chief's Committee on Police-Community Relations is scheduled to be held in the Conference Room, Room 5114, Municipal Center, 300 Indiana Avenue, N.W., at 4:00 p.m., JUL 27 1965.

Please advise regrets only by calling NA-tional 8-4000, extension 412.

FOR THE CO-CHAIRMEN:

John B. Layton

John B. Layton
Chief of Police

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ACT Media Coverage

July 12, 1965

Editor
Washington Post Newspaper
1515 L - St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I would like to take issue with the "news" story entitled "Black Power Group Goal High Politics", appearing on page A-2 of the July 9 issue of the Post. It is typical of what appears to be your policy of placing editorial comment in a straight news story. If this is not Post policy it must then be labeled wishful thinking on the part of Post editors. In either case, in the interest of competent journalism --if not of fair play-- such editoralizing should be so labeled.

You report that "leaders of such well-established groups as the NAACP and the Urban League discount such race-conscious appeals" as the "black power concept," adding that these leaders "believe that there is little sustained support for this concept in Negro communities".

I challenge you to identify and directly quote these "leaders". I challenge you to draw them out into open and free debate--if you can. Any leader voicing these sentiments will be in serious conflict with the true mood of the times. They know it, and that is why they will never permit you the privilege of honest reporting and will force you always behind a gray curtain of non-attribution.

But there are signs of the times which your reporter could have heeded. Only last week at the CORE convention, my former chief, James Farmer, voiced precisely the black political concept. Other groups in Washington and elsewhere in the nation are pressing for black self-determination. Indeed, Mr. Editor, the trend is to black this year---and growing blacker by the day.

Your sources, the anonymous "veterans of the civil rights movement", are saying what they think you want to hear. Beware: this old habit is called in some quarters "Uncle Tomism"; in others, survival psychology". Whatever its name, before you heed this "veteran" counsel, discover, first, whether your unidentified sources are truly in touch with the mood of the black community. You may discover, Mr. Editor, that your trusted sources are banned, barred, and most damning of all, unknown--in the ghetto.

In your statements on ACT, you state that my "following is small", that the 200 members of Washington ACT cannot be counted on for active participation. This is half-truth. I explained to your reporter that ACT members cannot be counted on to join big marches or sit-ins singing "We Shall Overcome".

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But "active participation" can and is being implemented in far more sophisticated ways which white liberal papers like the Post habitually fail to recognize. In its original brochure, ACT clearly states that it is not a civil rights organization in the classical sense but a revolutionary one in the American tradition. It has no desire to involve the poor in sporadic, massive demonstrations and arrests but to involve them daily, wherever they live, in their own neighborhoods, in articulating their frustrations and anguish and finally in recognizing and mobilizing their own vast latent power to crush poverty and oppression.

If the fact that the poor see nothing glorious in going to jail or marching into clubs of brutal policemen leads you to conclude that ACT is "a flat failure in the civil rights field", then you evidently belong to the school of thought in the civil rights movement that measures the effectiveness of an organization by the size of its marches or frequency of its sit-ins.

Available evidence will not support your "flat failure" label for ACT. More than a few people have credited ACT with having influenced the poverty program in Washington. The Post reported ACT's suit against the United Planning Organization to force it to place poor people in its board. It did. There followed a nationwide dialogue on the right and capacity of the poor to represent themselves. The Vice President of the United States, the Chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, and the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity all publicly declared that the poor must be represented at all levels of the poverty program.

Now it may be that all these events just happened to take place after ACT filed its suit, but who can blame us for thinking we triggered or hastened them in some small way?

The present push for housing for the poor of Washington coincidentally started after ACT loudly protested the proposed evicition of 38 families in Southeast Washington, and threatened to move them into the District Building. UPO, which had been informed of their plight weeks before, suddenly came alive and began to represent the poor in the Landlord and Tenant's Court, paying their back rent and helping them to relocate. Even the respectable and much-publicized Coalition of Conscience stopped talking long enough to try to pitch a tent at the District Building for one evicted family. And I read in your paper that a new group of ministers and civic leaders has formed to voice its tearful concern about housing for Washington's poor.

Finally, ACT, and ACT alone, will choose the arena in which it will wage its part of the fight for human rights and dignity, without regard for its critics---on newspapers or anywhere else in the citadel of white power. But ACT wishes and never has failed to try to fully inform that citadel of power of its immediate and ultimate goals.

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ACT aims to reach, to communicate with just one audience: the neglected, oppressed poor of the ghetto, who do not read very much but use the Washington Post to seal holes of ceilings and walls which a fat slumlord failed to repair. White liberal newspapers write about them. Civic and "veteran" civil rights leaders hold talkathons about them. ACT talks and listens to them, and acts.

Sincerely yours,

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Chairman, Washington ACT

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August 30, 1965

To All Members of the Chief's Committee
on Police-Community Relations

At the suggestion of the Program Committee and with the permission of our Chairmen, Mr. Donohue and Mr. Hayes, I am enclosing a Personal Data sheet which we would like you to fill out and return to me.

The purpose of this is to help us make proper assignments to many committee activities which are going to take place this Fall.

I also pass along to you a suggestion that you do your best to be able to attend the meetings now that Summer vacations are over. Our attendance has been very poor with the exceptions of our chairmen and a handful of dedicated members.

The writer would like to also acknowledge the Committee's thanks to Chief John B. Layton whose attendance has been perfect and whose cooperation has been of the highest degree.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Bill Shannon

William E. Shannon

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Enclosure

ACT/CORE

For your File

ACT - The Organization of the Militants
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August 8, 1965

Dear Colleague;

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter distributed by ACT, Washington, D.C. Chapter at street rallies and other meetings called to present Dr. Martin Luther King here last week. Since we have learned through the press of the "unwelcome reception" he has been accorded by militants in other cities; we thought you might be interested to read how we set forth the problems of the ghetto from the "grassroots viewpoint", challenging him to champion the cause of black people. Our letter was completely ignored and Dr. King sidestepped the genuine issues of discrimination, exploitation and Uncle Toms.

You may be interested in sharing our thoughts with your membership either by having the enclosed letter read aloud at a meeting or by duplicating it as a correspondence from your Black Brothers in the District of Columbia. We would welcome a similar communication from you which sets forth the problems and proposed plans for action in your particular city or area in order to advance our common understanding of the "national problem".

Sincerely,

Julius Hobson, Chairman

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ORGANIZATION OF THE MILITANTS

JULIUS HOBSON, CHAIRMAN

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1834 9th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

August 3, 1965

AN OPEN LETTER TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

Dear Dr. King:

May we first state that we respect your reputation as a humanitarian whose vision of racial brotherhood has inspired people throughout the "free" world. We do not know you personally and cannot pass judgment on your views in regard to the issues here set forth. Our concern is for the "hosts" who are now entertaining you. May we extend an invitation to you to visit us again, avoid your present "hosts", and seek out the grassroots Washington community and their leaders. We are trying to communicate some facts in order that you may understand why there are growing misgivings about your visits outside the old South. We do not question your sincerity, but if you could muster the courage to break through the iron curtain of "liberal" whites and successful Uncle Toms, you might liberate Negroes and save the Nation, too!

The District of Columbia is entering the second stage of the civil rights revolution, and we are wrestling with problems of a nature and magnitude never imagined during segregation. Without a full understanding of the issues which oppress Northern black communities today, you will not be able to assist our black brothers in the South in combatting a new movement against us perpetrated by former slavemasters now disguised as "liberals".

The name of the new movement is "CONTROLLED MILITANCY". Control means exactly what it suggests and is the newest wrinkle devised to keep the black man IN HIS PLACE. He who would become free must himself strike the first blow. The struggle should be directed by our own native black leaders. We will not have our fight directed (overtly or covertly) by whites. For years our black community has been cruelly fragmented for purposes of full exploitation, and now that sparks are beginning to fly from some of the "splinter groups", unseen hands are seeking to retribalize us. This is also being done in the Union of South Africa for the same reasons.

Ten years ago our children were learning to read, write and spell in the segregated public schools. Washington was justifiably proud of the exemplary citizens turned out by its all black school system. Today, under "integration", our schools have disintegrated to NO EDUCATION for our black children under a discriminatory device called the Track System which is based upon the "slave mentality" concept of "the elect and the un-elect". The Track System is an insidious ruse to deny education to "the un-elect". In our contemporary society,

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"the elect and the un-elect" have become "the privileged and UNDERPRIVILEGED". The Track System coupled with an unremitting stream of psychological warfare ground out by mass media has had a GENOCIDAL effect on our black children.

A decade ago our black community had a considerable degree of family stability and community solidarity, and we had hopes of earning a stake in the American economy which would enable us to live as respectable human beings. Today, our homes lie in ruins with increasing numbers of our children at Junior Village or roaming the streets in "guerrila" type gangs. These are the results of heroic efforts by our "Welfare" Department and our local Domestic Relations Court which encourages a flourishing "divorce racket". These institutions have been as ruinous to Negro family life as the slave block more than a century ago. There has been widespread confiscation of properties by the courts and seizure of Negro wages, together with exploitation in housing of some 90,000 families reported to be living under slum conditions. Need we remind you that the break-up of the Negro family, the denial of literacy or education to Negroes, the withholding of the Negro laborer's earnings, and the active prohibition of meetings among Negroes ONLY guaranteed slavery for centuries? Dr. King, we feel that in the future you would profit by taking counsel from your Northern black brothers. Thus, you could warn your Southern followers before they are overtaken by the thieves who have stripped us of our rainments, wounded us, and departed leaving us only half alive as they travel from "Jerusalem (segregation) to Jericho (integration)".

These are the issues we want to discuss with you, and this is why you should meet your Northern black brothers who have been imprisoned and suffered economic reprisals for demanding their rights, and whose children have been failed in school as retaliation because their parents asserted their right to equal opportunity for an education in this land of freedom. Certainly you should not meet with our responsible Congressional leaders, before whom we have already laid our problems, without first asking us whether you may speak for us.

The slumlords, the saboteurs of public education, the corruptors of the orderly processes of the courts know what they are doing and your appearance here without speaking out against them and against the black Uncle Toms who acquiese to them gives the "green light" for continuance of their practices. It is more than a disservice for imported leaders to speak out on any aspects of the issues involved without first getting all the facts.

DR. KING, DO NOT PERMIT YOURSELF TO BE USED IN THE NORTH BY THE NEGRO'S ENEMIES

AN EXPOSE OF UNCLE TOM

I. WHAT IS AN UNCLE TOM ?

Uncle Tom is a modern day Judas who, for a price of personal position and prestige betrays black people. Uncle Tom is the insulation which cradles the power structure from the white heat of the black man's discontent. The white power structure is fully aware that it will be consumed by the heat and fury of the black masses when the middle man (Uncle Tom) is removed.

II. WHY IS UNCLE TOM DANGEROUS TO THE NEGRO COMMUNITY ?

1. He tells white folks what they want to hear and not what is really happening.
2. He is still tattling black secrets to the "great white father".
3. By his allegiance to and defense of the power structure, he re-inforces their determination to keep the Negro "IN HIS PLACE".
4. He has sold our civil rights revolution to our "liberal " white betrayers.
5. As a group, Uncle Tom is more out of touch with his people than those "in the know" in the white power structure.

III. HOW DOES UNCLE TOM TARNISH THE IMAGE OF THE NATION ?

1. Uncle Tom is a pale shadow of our proud black African brothers, and it is small wonder he has earned their disdain.
2. During the Negro's struggle against the bigoted American, Uncle Tom has functioned as the racist's principal defender and apologist at home and abroad
3. In his insulating role he inhibits normal relations between Black People at the international level.
4. Since he subverts the ideals of the American Revolution, he tarnishes and cheapens the image of the idealistic black American.

IV. THE <u>TRUE</u> LEADERS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY MUST BE HEARD OVER THE UNCLE TOMS!

1. Let our true black leaders take the seats of the Uncle Toms!
2. Let the Negro community liberate itself from the enslavement of Uncle Tom and the white power structure.

V. WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT UNCLE TOM ?

1. We must flush out and expose Uncle Tom and make him completely impotent so that he can no longer serve the white power structure and breed more Uncle Toms.
3. THEREFORE: We propose to continue our program of identifying and de-~~instrating~~ monstrating against Uncle Toms.

WATCH FOR OUR HIT PARADE OF THE TOP TEN TOMS!!!

If you have suggestions for our hit parade, send their names and the reason why you think they are Uncle Toms to: Washington ACT
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August 20, 1965

Mr. Julius Hobson
4801 Queens Chapel Terrace, N.E.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hobson:

On Saturday, September 18th, the Greater Washington Chapter of the Americans for Democratic Action is sponsoring a conference which it has called After Home Rule...

This conference attempts to anticipate problems which will be faced by Washington's first elected city council and by city officials who (with home rule) must answer to a constituency other than the Congress.

Although the meeting may still be legislatively premature if the House has not acted on the Home Rule legislation, ADA hopes to use this meeting to stimulate discussion among members of community organizations, civil rights groups, political parties and other voluntary organizations.

The morning sessions of the conference will attempt to bring about a confrontation between current city officials, leaders of groups that have criticized present policies, and local "experts" through panels on housing, welfare and education.

We would hope that you might be able to participate in the early morning panel on Education. We anticipate that Bayard Rustin of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, Saul Alinsky of Chicago, and Arnold Fein from New York's Council of Independent Voters will participate in the afternoon symposium on Political Action and Community Organization after Home Rule.

Responding to this presentation will be a panel of local representatives from the political parties, churches, community groups and the press.

To the best of our knowledge, this conference will be the first of its kind open to interested residents of the District of Columbia. Few groups discussed problems of representation, techniques of protest, and other political problems encountered in self government.

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Your experience would add great substance to this meeting and we have no doubt that a presentation by you would offer the audience entirely new ideas and practical possibilities for change.

We hope to hear that you will accept our invitation.

Sincerely,

Velma Hill

(Mrs.) Velma Hill,
Executive Director

VH:dgs

Office of the Postmaster General
Washington, D.C. 20260

September 23, 1965

Mr. Julius Hobson, Chairman
Associated Committee Teams
4801 Queens Chapel Terrace, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20017

Dear Mr. Hobson:

On August 19, 1965, the Postmaster General expressed his concern that the Federal Government, as a full and active partner in the Civil Rights movement, must recognize its responsibility to occupy a position of leadership--not just to pass laws, but to exhort by example. In furtherance of this role of leadership, the Postmaster General appointed a three-member roving task force on equal employment opportunity to emphasize the importance of the program and to reaffirm his determination to carry out his stated policy that postal positions are to be filled on the basis of equal treatment, regardless of race, or sex, or region, or religion.

A copy of the press release announcing creation of this Task Force, and setting forth its functions, is attached for your information.

In the near future, the Task Force will be visiting the postal regional office cities shown below:

Atlanta, Ga.	Denver, Colo.	Saint Louis, Mo.
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Dallas, Texas	Philadelphia, Pa.	Wichita, Kansas

While in these cities, the Task Force expects to meet with not only postal officials, but also community leaders and representatives of groups that are interested in this problem.

We would like to extend to your organization an opportunity to participate in these Task Force functions. If your organization desires to participate, please furnish us the names, addresses,

and local telephone numbers of those officials in your organization in each of the above cities who will serve as your contact.

We are enclosing a self-addressed return air mail special delivery envelope for your convenience in responding.

Sincerely yours,

Henry L. Dixon

Henry L. Dixon, Chairman
Postmaster General's Task
Force on Equal Employment
Opportunity

ACT The Organization of the Militants

803 FLORIDA AVE., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.
Phone 667-5295

September 11, 1965

Mr. John B. Layton, Chief
Metropolitan Police Department
300 Indiana Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Layton:

After many years of working with the Metrolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia I have concluded that nothing of real significance has been done to deal with acts of police brutality and discourtesy continually being perpetrated against the poor Negroes of this community.

For the past year, I have lectured at the police training sessions and served on the Chief's Committee. At every opportunity I have reported to the Department cases of real brutality, particularly in Precincts 9, 10 and 13. In case after case the Department, aided by Ruth Bates Harris of the Human Relations Council, has swept these protests aside. Furthermore, during my lectures to the police trainees, I, like all the speakers, was forbidden to discuss specific cases of brutality or even to mention specific precincts.

The Police Community Relations Division has done no more than talk to middle class community leaders whom they depend upon to do exactly what Rev. Edward Bailes of the NAACP did last Wednesday night in the Tenth Precinct: stand between the police and a legitimately protesting and outraged community.

ACT has had police-watching squads out in Precincts 9, 10 and 13 for the last year. I have repeatedly warned the Department and District officials of mounting tension and the possibility of riots as a result of daily police provocations in these three precincts.

ACT has distributed some 15,000 police conduct reports in these precincts, and the first returns indicate overwhelming ghetto resentment against the Police Department. ACT has explained repeatedly that the police image is not what some self-styled Negro leader says it is but what ghetto people believe it to be. Early returns show many cases of actual abusive and occasional brutal police action during the last three months in Precincts 9, 10 and 13. These include unnecessary arrests, search and siezure without warrants, excessive roughness in making arrests, and outright brutality practised with the full knowledge of the precinct captains. At Precint 10 my inquiries about several cases were met with excuses and evasions. Again, in cases in which ACT members were witnesses, arresting officers lied outright about how the arrests were made.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 20, 1965

Mr. Julius Hobson,
Chairman, Washington ACT,
803 Florida Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hobson:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of September 11, 1965, tendering your resignation from the Chief's Advisory Committee and severing your contacts with the Police Department.

In response, I would want you to know that I do not share the pessimism expressed in your letter concerning police community relations in the District of Columbia. The programs now in force within the Department, as well as those of the District of Columbia Government will, I am certain, further the progress already made.

I, as you know, did not participate in the selection of the members of the Chief's Advisory Committee at the time it was organized but after my appointment to office and in meetings with this Committee I have found it to be a Committee with a broad base and representative of many varied interests of the Community. I have welcomed comments and expressions from any and all of those representatives, including yourself, in the interest of better understanding. I would also want you to know that the Director of our Police Academy informs me that your lectures and discussions as a member of the panel in our Community-Relations curriculum stimulated exchanges of views among members of the classes and panelists which all felt were useful and beneficial.

Our efforts have been directed toward bringing about a better understanding between the community and the police and in establishing and maintaining lines of communication through representative members of the community.

I am, therefore, disappointed that you feel disposed to sever your connections with the Police Department and the Chief's Committee. If this represents your considered judgment, your letter will be presented at the next meeting of the Chief's Advisory Committee on September 28, 1965, but, if, upon further reflection your position may be altered I shall be pleased to hear from you prior to that date.

Sincerely yours,

John B. Layton

John B. Layton
Chief of Police

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Dear Mr. Hobson:

Congressman Roman Pucinski, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the District of Columbia School System under the House of Representatives Education and Labor Committee has asked me to inform you that the subcommittee would like to have you appear as a witness in the forthcoming Congressional hearings on the District schools. The subcommittee understands that you are particularly able to enlighten it on the subject of the track system, although any constructive suggestions you have to offer on any facet of the school system which concerns you would be welcomed. The more detailed your testimony is, the more helpful it will be for the success of these hearings.

At the moment, the time schedule for the hearings is uncertain. Although we will be opening with Dr. Hansen on October 7, the remaining dates will have to be flexible to accommodate Congress' activities. It is for this reason and the fact that we may request your presence (in the future) upon rather short notice that we are notifying you to be prepared. We very much appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Should you have any questions about any arrangements or the exact nature of our inquiry, please contact me at 225-6916, 7, or 8.

Sincerely,

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October 4, 1965

Mr. Walter C. Louchheim, Vice Chairman
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1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Louchheim:

As you know, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Housing Crisis has consistently maintained that none of the land at the National Training School site should be allocated to the Government Printing Office. We have felt that, in a city so short of land resources, the construction of a new printing facility at this location is a luxury the District of Columbia cannot afford.

We are, therefore, heartened by reports that your committee is considering the feasibility of the GPO utilizing land outside the District's boundaries. No effort or expense must be spared to preserve the Training School grounds as a site for a planned, residential community emphasizing housing for this city's low- and middle-income families.

Sincerely yours,

Edward S. Cogen
Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee
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AD HOC COMMITTEE

ON THE HOUSING CRISIS

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 1965, at 8:00 P.M., and will be held at the WPHA offices, 1010 Vermont Ave., N.W., Suite 800.

I apologize to those of you who, for some as yet undetermined reason, did not receive notification of our most recent meeting. To the best of our knowledge our mailing list is correct. I am enclosing a copy of this list for your future reference.

Last night, our group approved the Tour Committee's proposals and requested that work begin to implement the plan. It was agreed that the Housing Tour will be conducted on Tuesday, November 16, 1965, to be followed by a Housing Crisis Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, the 20th and 21st of November.

Cal Rolark's committee is under way on this second project. Since full community support is needed to make these efforts successful, would you please obtain from your organizations, at the earliest date, authorization to participate in both of these undertakings?

At our next meeting we should receive progress reports from both the Tour and Crisis Weekend Committees. I would also like us to consider the following matters:

1. The proposed resolution, submitted by Rev. Jack Duffy, which would call for assurances that, before a business firm or government agency relocates in the metropolitan area, all of its employees are assured of the opportunity to live near their place of employment;

2. The role we and our constituent groups can play in critically analyzing the proposed 1985 Plan;

3. Following up on the Training School Site issue. To this end we might consider the designation of a small "watch-dog" committee to keep track of the government's handling of the problem. We should also consider Anna Holden's suggestion that we appoint one or more delegations to call on Mr. Horsky,

Commissioner Duke, and the Joint Committee on Printing, to make known to them the Ad Hoc Committee's views on this question.

Finally, I was advised by Mr. Louchheim that NCPC will again consider the GPO question at its October 7 meeting. Accordingly, at the suggestion of our Committee, I wrote Mrs. Rowe, Chairman of the Planning Commission, asking that Mr. Louchheim's report be made available to the public for comment prior to its consideration by the full Commission. A copy of this letter is also enclosed.

Ed Cogen

September 29, 1965

Mrs. James H. Rowe, Jr., Chairman
National Capital Planning Commission
1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Rowe:

At the last meeting of the National Capital Planning Commission you appointed an Ad Hoc Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Louchheim, to evaluate, in light of the questions raised by Congress and the community, the allocation to the Government Printing Office of land at the National Training School site.

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Housing Crisis believes that the resolution of this issue is of critical importance to residents of this city. It therefore requests that the findings and recommendations of Mr. Louchheim's Committee be made available to the public for consideration and comment prior to their consideration by the full Commission. Full and open disclosure of the contents of the report, in time for meaningful community discussion, will inevitably lead to a more informed decision.

We would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience with regard to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Edward S. Cogen
Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee
on the Housing Crisis

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November 4, 1965

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Dear 'Hop',

The enclosed money order for twenty-two dollars ($22.00) represents a contribution to ACT from the following Library of Congress employees:

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November 2, 1965

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Dear Mr. Hobson:

May I express the deep appreciation of our Trainees and Staff for your participation in our Sunday evening panel on "The Negro Revolution."

We are indeed grateful to you for your willingness to participate in our training program and to equip our Trainees better to meet the challenges which they will shortly face.

Many thanks and good wishes until we can welcome you here again.

Sincerely,

Ernest M. Kahn

Ernest M. Kahn
Training Center Director

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ACT

December 13, 1965

The Editor
Washington Star
225 Virginia Ave. S.E.
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Sirs:

The Washington Star has bitterly opposed the policies and actions of militant civil rights groups like ACT. But its attacks have been confined to the editorial columns of the Star. Its reporters and editors have given fair and honest coverage to our activities and statements in the best traditions of good journalism.

Although the Star has in my opinion inflated "crime-in-the streets" stories out of all ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ proportion, resulting in twisted distortions and unjust conclusions about Washington crime, I feel compelled to draw public attention to the Star's thorough and sensitive coverage of Saturday's public crime hearings. The divergent views that one could expect from such an explosive subject were fairly presented. Nor did your reporter attempt to condemn or applaud the proceedings or to make value judgements about the kind of people who participated or their views.

This was in shocking contrast to the Washington Post story of the same event. Normally I refrain from endorsing one paper or another. But since ACT deliberately refrained from participating in the hearings due to separate plans of its own and thus was not directly involved, I feel justified in commenting. And because a community's newspapers so intimately affect its decisions and progress, I feel indeed compelled to comment.

The Star and Post stories are so different that one has to wonder whether the two reporters covered the same event. The Star noted that "three dozen witnesses---representing thousands of Washingtonians from all walks of life (emphasis is mine)---eloquently told their stories to the nine-member commission...More than 100 persons attended..." This was followed by a long report of the opposing views supported by extensive quotes from participants.

This is how the Post saw the hearings: "The District Crime Commission got a basketful of good suggestions from just a handful of public-spirited citizens yesterday...No more than 60 spectators were on hand at a single time...and by the time the commission opened the floor to individual citizens late in the afternoon, only 40 men and women were on hand and some three-quarters of these were white (emphasis is mine.)

If the Post had some purpose in so identifying the participants' race, it failed to go on to establish it. Left by itself, such racial identification infers a racist slur of a supposedly by-gone newspaper era. It insults Washington's black community. It impugns the efforts of the concerned citizens, white and Negro, who daily try to lift the oppression of poverty and centuries of racism from the predominantly poor Negro citizenry of Washington.

When one of a city's three major newspapers---this one claims to be one of the world's ten best---reverts to yellow journalism and undisguised racism, it is time for rights leaders to swing hard at the offender.

It is also time to publicly identify those newspapers that practice competent and fair journalism.

Sincerely yours,

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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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April 19, 1965

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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hobson:

Thank you for your letter of April 14, concerning Mr. Ward and Mr. Davis. The Commissioners are most concerned about any indication of reprisals against any District employee in connection with a complaint of possible discrimination.

Mr. George England reports that the hearing referred to in your letter, on a citizen's complaint by Mr. Easton, is normal procedure in the case of such complaints. Departmental personnel involved in the complaints are required to hear the complaint first hand. Mr. England states that he informed Mr. Ward of the situation prior to the hearing, and that he offered to help Mr. Ward secure an attorney if he so desired. Mr. England further states that he accompanied Mr. Ward to the hearing. The citizen's complaint is still under investigation.

The matters raised in your letter will receive prompt and thorough attention. I am turning the matter over to Commissioner Duncan who has been designated as the Commissioner with overall responsibility for our equal employment program. This matter would come within this program. I am sure that you will be hearing further from Commissioner Duncan.

Sincerely yours,

Walter N. Tobriner

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Dear Mr. Hobson

As a follow-up to our conversation by telephone Thursday evening the following information is submitted herewith.

1. Two days before my hearing (4-13-65) I received a letter of "un-satisfactory efficiency" rating because "the employee's Behavior and events surrounding his Complaint relating to the training program".

My answer to that is: "The ability to influence and manipulate Behavior is good", "But control is also potentially dangerous!" "whenever it is established that if Certain Conditions exist (discrimination), Certain Behavior can be predicted, it becomes possible to bring about that behavior by Creating those Conditions!"

It is self interest, wrong and un-Constructive to want to escape from the burden of vanity that in the diminishment of others, there is deep diminishment to the self. FCC may not realize this. My hearing was called off and

postponed I am told for such reasons as: (1) Disagreement among participants to hold the hearing only one day (4-15-65) and resume Monday next week. (2) The Complainant (Harold Thompson) is very busy now with his college exams, work etc. (3) Fear and/or mixed emotions concerning a picket line and demonstrations by certain Civil Rights groups in Pritchs. To the best of my knowledge all of these reasons are totally un-true. They all were heard in discussions among FCC employees, (nothing factual). As far as I know, it was postponed. I reported all the pertinent facts to the President's Committee. A special Commissioners' meeting, along with some of my supervisors was held 4-15-65, in the evening.

"Once the barriers (discrimination) are down, the human need to "prove" certain things tend to disappear.

"It would be a vicious illusion to think that, if one (FCC) acts now to resolve the problem (un-justice and discrimination) it is (FCC) giving something away, is being "liberal" or is performing and act of charity, Christian or any other kind.

The FCC has steadfastly prolonged and refused to resolve this complaint (training and up-grading) and even attempted to use other negroes to defeat "yours truly". However 99% of the negroes want justice and equality, therefore they are for, and behind me in this matter. Negroes will testify and confirm all charges made.

I am (as well as other negroes) are willing to sacrifice the time, energy, effort, work and patience to secure our rights in equal treatment, in promotions, and training programs as our white Co-workers.

We have abided by, and concerned with, the Rules and regulations of FCC (as far) under hardships of discrimination. Our supervisors tell us one thing, and personnel tell us another. IN addition, the policy officer (Mr Jack Rosenbloom) gives another statement. The policy officer has stated to me and my lawyer that. "personnel was stupid and acted haphazardly in Harold's case." I admit there is discrimination, but I must be careful, you know we both are minorities". This was told to my lawyer. Mr. Rosenbloom is of the Jewish origin and my lawyer is negro. When my lawyer informed me about this I had Reverse reaction. Engineers at the FCC informed me that all of my lawyer's conversations with the officials at pre-hearing trials were tape-recorded or bugged. You can make a telephone call on the 7th floor (where I work) and get an unusual dial tone., If you go to the 6th floor you get another. Furthermore I have seen signs (in writing) that they were bugged. ALSO the operators listen in on telephone conversations. FCC employees can confirm this (particularly where I work)

Everywhere I have worked (FHA, Internal Revenue and

Even the FCC (last year) I received an satisfactory rating. I was in another division under another Supervisor, who was white also. This supervisor (my former, FCC) has a high appraisal for me and rated me highly. While with the FHA

(1) I received an "Outstanding employee appraisal" in productivity, reliability, dependability, disposition etc.

2. Received national defense, and Good Conduct medals from the air force

3. Rated the honor roll (twice) at Armstrong High School D.C

4. Supervised employees (managers + clerks) at FHA, including two employees that trained and indoctrinated me in my first government job as a manager, myself (in 1958)

5. Worked in the Commissioner's Youth Council as a instructor and consultant, for years at Christ Child settlement house, and Murray and Madison Jr High schools. D.C

FCC supervisors has instructed my use of certain machines in data processing, however I perform the same jobs as my fellow white co-workers, to require their use (machines). My immediate supervisor has informed me that, "the reason the situation is like it is, is because of your complaint." This same supervisor instructed me to lift 53 heavy boxes of work and carry out out in the hall. However, 3 or my people put the commissioner in the boxes, but I was singled out to perform such

a heavy task. I have been given low-mechanical hard tasks. This instructor further told me regarding the lifting of these boxes that: "Go ahead and turn me in, I have already gone to the Boss myself". The supervisors act like 'little gods' in taking actions without consulting the employee (the negro). I was told that if I loose this case, I would be Black-balled from top to bottom. If I won it, my supervisors would not trust me. So there you are. The President's Committee has told me personally, that negroes should receive equal treatment and opportunity as well as training. Before the President's Committee can take action officially, this case must first be concluded by the F.E.C. This case has ~~been~~ been going on now into its 2nd year. After I received a promotion (4-26-64) the policy officer called me up personally and encouraged me to drop my complaint. At that time I dropped that part of the case, but I asked for training as others, which was refused over and over. My supervisor (Mr. Jack Hand) told me he did not know anything about a training program. However when I went to personnel, they (personnel) accused me with various letters of recommendations where he had sent many white employees to school. I was told one particular job (Library-position) in the

Computer room was abolished because of the employee's attitude. (this is in the report of the policy officers investigation) Haven't I observed in black and white that the employee (a white Co-worker) flunked out of the school, among other high ranking employees. My ASST Chief on my job told me that, "Harold you have more Education than I", but I worked hard. He is a GS-12, the same goes for me. Hand (Chief) GS-14. Programmers have told me of various employees that went to school and flunked out, some sleeping in Classes. They wasted the Government's money. Some went that had a background in history and science. IN my talking with various programmers about mathematics etc, they dont know what I am talking about. There is a well established Cliche of segregation and discrimination in the FCC. It is so hard, you can cut it with a knife. The status quo has prevailed early since there was a FCC created by Congress. They have bribed, Harassed and frightened the negro from complaining. They have a perfect record of Resolving their wrong doings. This is the first time their policy has been challenged. This injustice should be reported to the Washington Community by way of the News Media. When the hearing is convened I will call you. please Respond! Very truly yours, Harold Thompson
(Black)

P.S. Two other white employees along with that of myself has been considered for a GS-5 position (computer operator) I am told the white fellow was eliminated because of he is un-reliable and has a bad record etc. The other (a white lady) stated if she did not get the position she would resign. So, last friday she did resign. The day of her resignation she did not come to work and receive the traditional "going away party." All of the supervisors boycotted from work that day. The only thing left for them to do (me being a negro with a good record) was to give me a "un-satisfactory offering" because of my complaint. If this is allowed to stand, it will cancel out this promotion, in-grade promotion etc. Therefore this what I am up against. In all my natural life, I have never been so mistreated, discriminated against, or denied opportunity as the FCC (Federal Communication Commission) is practicing against me and other negroes

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON ~~25~~ D. C.

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May 13, 1965

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Julius W. Hobson, Chairman
Associated Community Teams (ACT)
1834 - 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hobson:

This is in reference to your letter of May 12, 1965, to Mr. J. N. Hand, Chief of this Commission's Data Processing Division. In your letter you request that Mr. Hand "confirm or deny" thirteen statements concerning the Data Processing Division. As you may know, there have already been five days of hearing sessions, conducted before Mr. Daniel R. Ohlbaum, the designated Hearing Officer. Because Mr. Hand has been a witness in the proceeding, and because I am Commission Counsel, I deem it more appropriate that I, rather than he, respond to the statements.

The responses below are based upon my recollection of the record and the proceedings to date. My recollections may be imperfect, and it may be that you will wish to check them against whatever files, records and transcripts have been turned over to you by the Complainant or his former attorney.

1. There are approximately 54 or 55 employees in the Data Processing Division, 39 or 40 of whom are employed in the Operations Branch of that Division, in which Branch the Complainant is employed.

2. The grades in the Division range from GS-3 to GS-15.

3. Twelve of the Division's employees are Negroes.

4. One of the Negroes (Mrs. June Lawson) is a GS-9, and one (Mr. Gordon Hammond) is a GS-7.

5. All other Negroes in the Division are either GS-3 or GS-4.

6. The comparative educational attainments of the various employees in the Division are not in the record.

The Organization of the Militants

803 FLORIDA AVE., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Phone 667-5295

May 5, 1965

The Hon. Walter N. Tobriner, Chairman
D.C. Board of Commissioners
District Building
14th and E Streets N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Commissioner Tobriner:

As you have probably seen in the newspapers, ACT has announced its campaign for "Seven Days in May." The title of this campaign is misleading in that there will be no continuous mass action for seven days in May. Starting on May 24, 1965, after a series of street rallies which begin on Saturday, May 8, we propose to involve not more than a few hundred persons in a campaign designed to confront the city authorities in the various agencies with the grievances of the poor of Washington.

To be specific, on May 24, 1965 we will assemble about 1000 persons in Lincoln Park N.E. and divide these persons into three groups of equal size. One group will go to the main Police Headquarters on Third Street and Indiana Avenue N.W. to try to see the Chief of Police and voice its personal feelings and experiences regarding police brutality and misconduct.

The second group will come to the main District Building and attempt to discuss with you and Commissioner Duncan problems of housing code enforcement, sanitation, rat extermination and job discrimination in the District Government.

The third group will go to the District of Columbia Board of Education to attempt to discuss with Dr. Hansen various problems facing children in the poorer neighborhood schools.

Each group involved will have a leader who will present to you and other officials a list of grievances for which the people will seek redress. All of this action will take place between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on May 24.

Contrary to the rumors and newspaper stories this action is not designed to tie up the District of Columbia Government. Again, it is designed to, for the first time, give the poor of the city a chance to present their own problems to those city heads who are in position to offer some relief. No demands will be made which are not within the ability of the presently constituted authority to handle.

The out-of-town people coming to join the campaign are members of National ACT and are lending courtesy support just as Washington ACT people have done in other cities. The campaign will be completely under the control of local leaders, all of whom are veterans of many demonstrations in this city.

The remainder of "Seven Days in May" will consist of evening street rallies in the various neighborhood parks. People will be encouraged at these rallies to contact in person, by telephone, or by letter the various city heads to voice their sentiments on the various social problems with which they are faced.

There will be no civil disobedience, no signs carried, no songs sung and no sit-ins. This again is merely a confrontation of the type used when about 25 ACT members visited the offices of Commissioner Duncan a few months ago.

In regard to the school system parents of children attending the more run-down schools such as Shaw Jr. High, Hine and Garnet-Patterson will be asked to keep their children at home on May 24 to protest the continuation of the track system and the generally poor conditions prevailing at these schools. These children will not be asked to join the groups confronting the city fathers. This campaign is not designed to attract thousands of people. For our purposes more than two-to three hundred in each group would be unwieldy.

I felt that in the light of your cooperation with efforts designed to bring about better social conditions in the city I should at least let you know exactly what we have in mind. These are our plans, newspaper and television stories to the contrary notwithstanding.

I will be glad to discuss the details of our proposed action with any city official.

Sincerely yours,

Julius W. Hobson
Chairman

Copies to: Chief John B. Layton, Mr. Paul Rilling, Dr. Carl F. Hansen, The Hon. John B. Duncan

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Duplicate of letter sent
to the personnel Office (FCC)

1025 Fairfax Rd N.W.
Washington 10, DC
4/26/65

Federal Communication Commission
Pa Ave. Bet 12th + 13th Sts NW
621 Bldg (personnel Division, Room 202)
ATTN: Chief, Manpower utilization + Training Division

Dear Mr. Flint,

In response, and reference to your letter dated April 6, 1965, allowing 9 working days (with a limitation of 10) I deemed it appropriate to write this letter in light of your letter of "Notice that your work is not of an acceptable level of competence".

I strongly believe that proper consideration was not accorded me.

Since coming to the FCC April 19, 1963 I received an satisfactory efficiency rating last year (1964) for the year 1963. Therefore it is my conclusion it was on the basis of my complaint and events surrounding it, as your letter states.

I came to the FCC with an objective, open mind. I endeavored to keep my mind free of hypothesis when the facts are shown to be opposed to it. Here unfortunate discrimination practices caught me by surprise. I had no plan. I would have to accept it, reject it, go around it, or go over it. Under these handicaps however, I believe I have proven myself in productivity, reliability, dependability ect.

Since these unfortunate incidents I have settled down and worked exceptionally, in addition to paying for my own training courses. However, it is my profound desire to be sent to school by FCC for training as other has received. I do not want less or more than the other employees

I have worked 12 months in the GS-4 grade level. This month (April) I became eligible, and/or considered for, promotion (Digital Computer systems operator GS-332-5) in-grade, and efficiency rating. You may therefore, would desire the "promotion" and efficiency rating (which I am eligible for) with training, as mentioned in the position description, (GS-332-5 H 32) thereby cancelling out the in-grade. You are aware that my desire is for training, therefore this job promotion and efficiency rating would solve my employment/training problems.

Since 1965 of this year is a detail analysis of my leave record.

	Annual 6 / Sick 4 Leave Accrued	Leave taken - DATE
January 1965		5 Hrs
	Annual / Sick	
	1-A	1-6-65
	4-A	1-15-65
		4 Hrs
February 1965	1-A	2-2-65
	2-A	2-16-65
	1-A	2-25-65
March 1965	2-A	3-5-65
		4 Hrs
	2-A	3-17-65
April 1965	1-A	3 Hrs
	2-A	4-2-65
		4-16-65
		16 Total

From the above leave record since January 1965 with 6 Hrs of annual and 4 Hrs sick, I have accrued ~~[illegible]~~ of annual, and used 16 of them or ½. I have accrued 16 hours of sick leave and used none of them. Having with my annual and sick leave record since coming with the FCC (1943) up to the moment I have 200 hours of leave (or 25 days) I have operated the bursting, cobbler, radiosonde presently and efficiently performing duties in Citizens, Amateur and Aviation licenses, having

Others that are normally affected by the programmers themselves. Furthermore, my fellow co-workers can vouch for my productivity and efficiency. I am positive (if genuine is the best trait) that my performance has been satisfactory.

For that segment that collectively culminated my un-satisfactory rating, I have a question: It is as follows: Am I being fair and impartial, or am I reacting against the "employee" because he has made a complaint and/or etc"? My behavior has been normal under the prevailing circumstances.

The ability to influence and manipulate behaviour offers many exciting possibilities for bettering social and working relationships. But control is also potentially dangerous. Whenever it is established that if certain conditions exists, (discrimination, injustice etc), certain behaviour can be predicted, it becomes possible to bring about that behaviour by creating those conditions.

It is right, constructive, and objective to want all members of society to contribute as fully as possible to the enrichment of that society.

It is wrong, un-rational, self-interest to want to escape from the burden of vanity into the hard and happy realization that in the diminishment of others, there is deep diminishment of the self.

I have a dependent other than myself to support (my mother) and these matters of "efficiency rating" "promotion and/or training" (collectively) or otherwise, is in the interest of my livelihood, welfare and future. Therefore, I urgently request your reconsideration relevant to my "efficiency rating", "training," and/or promotion.

Very truly yours Harold Thompson

April 18, 1965

Mr. John Hope 11
Director;
President,s Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Mr. Hope

I am very sorry I,m slow in submitting all of the evidence in my case, but I do not have a copies machine, and I want to keep copies of the evidence for my files, so I,m using copy machines of other people.

I would like to talk about page two of the obsolete and altered SF form 79 Personal History Statement. Mr. Shelby Adams was supposed to have found SF 79 in his normal duties as an employee utilization reopresentative in the [illegible] personnel office, if you will notice that the obsolete and altered SF 79 was supposed to be filled out in February 1946. Then why would Mr. Shelby Adams want to insert in paragraph 35 in 1961 the wording U.S. Army and make check marks in yes in the first half and no in the second half. My FBI office will verify that the handwriting in paragraph 35 of the SF 79 and the handwriting on the attached 761 are the same and is that of Mr. Shelby Adams Employee Utilization Representative of the U.S. Army Engineer Supply Control Office. In writing my signature in paragraph,s 43 and 44 Mr. Jones forgot one important thing he made the y at the end of my name the same way he made the why in paragraph 35 and not the way I make my y,s. Please see attachment One.

Now concerning the first complaint of racial discrimination I filed in 1959, this concerd two negro ladies that were being fired from the U.S. Army Engineer Supply Control Office to make space for some white employee,s that were later hired. Normally an employee,s immediate supervisor gives an employee his performance appraisal, but in the cases of the negro ladies that were fired their immidiate supervisor did not give them thier performance appraisal, because she refused to state that the ladies Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell Worth and Mrs. Mary Adelery,s work was unsatifactory. The supervisor,s name was Mrs. Opal Galbreath, Mrs. Galbreath told me she did not know what to do, that Mr. Lynn Bloodworth the Chief of Production Branch had given her the performance appraisals of Mrs. Worth and Mrs. Adelery to sign but she told them to give her Mrs. Galbreath time to think about it. I explained to Mrs. Galbreath that the Personnel Officer had a problem of trying to find some spaces for some new white employee,s that were friends of some influential people,

Mr. John Pope II
SECRETARY
President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity
Washington, D.C. 20410

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Please see documents.

I pleaded with Mrs. Galbreath not to sign the unfavorable performance appraisal,s of Mrs. Worth and Mrs. Adelery that she Mrs. Galbreath did not agree to. Mrs. Galbreath told me she would not sign the performance appraisals. Then I talked to the next person in charge of Mrs. Worth and Mrs. Adelery Mrs. Mable Grainger, Mrs. Grainger who is a white lady told me she did not see how Mr. Lynn Bloodworth the Chief of Production Branch and worked in the day time, while Mrs. Worth and Mrs. Adelery could really say that the two negro ladies work was while Mrs. Worth and Mrs. Adelery worked at night. Then Mrs. Greinger said it was such a dirty situation and explained that maybe if I talked to Mrs. Galbreath maybe I could do something about it. After the negro ladies were fired some white employee,s were hired. Then too more spaces were needed so Mr. Robert J. Maxwell Chief Civilian Personnel Office for MSCO decided that he could utilize the spaces needed by erroneously classifying the six negro,s that were Messengers as Laborers, if he had not done so he explained he would have to lay off some more employee,s that were recently hired and that meant mostly white people. Over my objections myself and five other negro were erroneously classified as Laborers while performing clerical duties.

Fraudulent use of

I explained in my appeal to the officials if you erroneously classify six negro,s as laborers while they are performing other duties they will be a DA Form 374 Job Description. I was then told that they new it was impossible for us to do the Laborer duties and our duties also and that every consideration would be given. see attachment two concerning the negro ladies that were fired from the Engineer Supply Control Office. Will send you more evidence as soon as I get a chance to have copies made.

Thankiing you very kindly,

Very truly yours.

John Gregory Jr.

Publ. Assistance
Chrystabelle
Armstrong
intake Supt
RA. 39560

Referred me to Mrs. Elizabeth Christian, x220, or Mrs. Jumnie Cawley, x584 who is handling the case under Mrs. Christian.
Mrs. Cawley says his rent is paid to 2/12 & they hope to get him funds by then.

Luther Simms Jr.
217-55th St NE.
Wash, D.C.

Mon. Jan. 11, 1965
received 1/29.

Mr. Julius Hobson.

Here is another poor person I wish that you would add to your list. Now here is my story, I have had a broken foot since Oct. I stayed in the Hospital about 20 days, when I came out of the Hospital I went to Public Assistance on Taylor St N.W. In the meantime I was 2 months back in Rent I live with my Sister + Six year old son, in the meantime my Sister had to go in the Hospital to have two Operations, She is also waiting for someone from the Public Assistance, I was lucky enough to borrow $150.00 from a friend of mine to pay the Rent for the last two months. It is due again on the 12th day of January which is now, They told me at the Public Assist. that it woul take 2 months to get my Hospital Records + and they woul have to make a Home visit before they could do anything for me, My Case worker said she would come, in the meantime when the Marshall come, to set us out, The Case worker won't know where to find us, because I don't know where we will

over

be ourselves. But just like you're saying The Day is the day of Salvation, and tomorrow is not Promised, So I wish that sombody would do somthing to Day, I am one of the poor people that have a pressing Problem, I am still on cruthes

Thanks
Luther Simms

Please send me an answer.
I would like to keep my son in School.

at DC Jail late 67. I filed here about 3 mo ago
3 forms. I have written several letters to no avail. My
friend here had difficulty getting his Congressman
Mr Mathias MD he wrote a stinging letter to SS my
friend received his first ck. 3 wks later 1 yr retroactive
for 1 yr. I need this money very much to get an invention
Patent as you know it cost quite a lot for a Patent
Attorney and Patent fee. I stand to profit quite a lot from
Patent. I have already had one large offer from drawing I
only declined loosely the large fee. If I get Patent I will
either mfg. myself or put it up to highest bidder. It
concerns heating. So I urge you to contact the proper official
and ask him to get on the ball. Anything sincerely you can do
for me you can but assure I will let my MC Congressman
what you did in my behalf you know that will help
at Bugett time. I have reasons to believe there is some funny
business going on concerning my daughter ck or why wait Supl of
MC should give me the information I ask for. The only one
who can help is my son in Vet Man who just returns for
another yr. The longer this thing lingers on the more complicate
the issue. And early answer would be appreciated.

Husband Milton R. Beland

SS no 237-09-4927

Sincerely Yours

Milton Beland

Late Wife - Pattie Lou Beland SS no 341-50-4822

Daughter Margret Marie Beland

CHIEF'S COMMITTEE ON POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Washington, D. C.

APR 20 1965

Dear Member:

This is to advise you that the next meeting (fourth Tuesday of each month) of the Chief's Committee on Police-Community Relations is scheduled to be held in the Conference Room, Room 5114, Municipal Center, 300 Indiana Avenue, N.W., at 4:00 p.m., APR 27 1965.

Please advise regrets only by calling NA-tional 8-4000, extension 412.

FOR THE CO-CHAIRMEN:

John B. Layton

John B. Layton
Chief of Police

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1. Clean Lamps + Shades + mirrow in dining Room
2. wipe up Kitchen floor with damp mop.
3. ~~[illegible]~~ sweep down basement steps
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White House Party Had Its Slips

By Drew Pearson

PRESIDENT JOHNSON, a great perfectionist, was reported disturbed by two events at the otherwise bang-up White House party for Princess Margaret. First, the beautiful Christina Ford let the facade of her evening gown slip too low. Second, a convicted income tax evader was accidentally invited to that ultraexclusive evening.

Pearson

When the father of Princess Margaret was entertained by President Roosevelt, however, things went much worse.

Despite the protests of his mother, President Roosevelt insisted on taking King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on a Hyde Park picnic. They drove to the picnic over an old lumber trail, so bumpy that the King and Queen looked pale and shaken. Mrs. Roosevelt thereupon suggested a glass of sherry.

"Not at a picnic," protested her mother-in-law. "At a picnic you serve tea."

That evening, Mrs. Roosevelt found she did not have enough china for the royal dinner, so she borrowed some from a relative. The serving plates were piled on a table behind a screen in the dining room. Suddenly there was a crash. The table had collapsed.

"I hope," exclaimed the relative to the visiting royalty, that's not my china!"

After dinner, the Roosevelts' Irish butler served coffee. Entering the living room was a sloping ramp built for the President's wheel chair. The butler slipped on the ramp, the tray, coffee cups and all, was hurtled at the feet of Their Majesties. They did not bat an eye.

Unwanted Guest

The income tax evader invited to the White House in honor of King George's daughter last week was Joseph Fago of suburban Buffalo, and the coveted invitation was extended under a system by which the White House tries to include outsiders as well as Washington society at the White House soirees. Many of the outsiders, under both Democratic and Republican Administrations, have been contributors to campaign funds.

First word of the unusual guest came when Rep. Richard D. McCarthy (D-N.Y.) queried the White House regarding a report that some Buffalo residents were invited to the exclusive soiree. He was told that the guest list was not available in advance. But being a persistent Congressman, McCarthy called the Erie County Democratic Committee, which informed him that John J. Naska, local attorney, and Joseph Fago, local builder, were invited with their wives.

"Fago's parole officer won't let him come to Washington," remarked a member of McCarthy's staff.

For Fago was under an 18-month suspended sentence expiring Nov. 30, plus five years' probation, for income tax evasion. His brother Anthony got a similar sentence, while his brother Dominic got 18 months, of which he served part at Lewisburg, Pa., and later at Florence, Ariz., when his family moved to Scottsdale, Ariz.

Out of jail after 11 months, Dominic failed to pay his $50,000 fine, nevertheless was able to wangle a $700,000 subcontract for building part of the Glen Canyon Dam in Colorado, one of the biggest hydroelectric projects in the world.

Unusual Contract

The dam is Federally financed, but the Ets-Hokin Co. of San Francisco, primary contractor for the electrical installations, informed me that the subcontract to the Fago Brothers Construction Co., which Dominic Fago formed after he had been convicted but was still on appeal, was awarded purely on the basis of low bid.

The contract was awarded despite the fact that Dominic did not put up a performance bond, despite the fact that Dominic was still under sentence, and despite the fact that Arizona had canceled the company's contracting license.

In the end, Dominic defaulted on the Glen Canyon contract.

Harper Sibley Jr., Public Safety Commissioner of Rochester and son of a late great father of the same name who was president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, has been trying to straighten out the life of Joseph Fago, youngest brother and the man who was invited to the White House.

"He got into trouble only because of his older brothers," Sibley told me. "He has a rough background, but has overcome it. He's the kind of person you'd have confidence in if you met him."

Anyway, Fago's invitation to dance after the dinner in honor of Princess Margaret was hastily canceled. In a way, it was too bad. Mrs. Fago had bought a new dress, a little tighter than Mrs. Henry Ford's, and was proudly showing it to the neighbors.

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Mr. Drew Pearson
1313 29th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

November 24, 1965

Dear Mr. Pearson:

In the light of your November 24 column in the Washington Post, I felt you would be interested to learn that the White House not only is issuing invitations to convicted income tax evaders: it is now hiring them.

I refer to a member of the staff of the recent White House planning conference on civil rights---Mr. Sterling Tucker, executive director of the Washington Urban League. The enclosed copy of the charges against him are self-explanatory, and a check with the Ohio court will confirm this.

Staff members for this all-important conference, although hired temporarily, had to be cleared by Civil Service as usual. I along with many others am frankly curious to know how Mr. Tucker was exempted from restrictions placed on all other U.S. citizens. He has not been pardoned, and can neither vote nor run for elected office anywhere. How is it that Mr. Tucker could be placed in so sensitive a position at such a critical time in the history of the civil rights movement?

You may wonder at my motives for forwarding this information. I am a Negro who has worked too long and too hard for my people to entrust its future direction to timid and fearful "leaders" like Mr. Tucker. At no time in the long, uphill struggle, marked with protests and pickets, freedom rides, beatings and the inside of jails---north or south---did we run across Mr. Tucker or his boss, Whitney Young, or any other Urban Leaguers.

I have seen them when the beatings and jailings were done--yes. I have seen them countless times "at White House meetings"---yes, according to the newspapers. And I have seen them pictured at the swank Miami Beach hotel where they conventioned last August just days before the Watts revolt erupted.

Let these men continue their safe work of research and social work from the safety of their posh offices. But lead us onto the next battlefield of this great fight for freedom? Never. If the federal government persists in pushing such people up front, they will find among their followers only fellow members of the affluent establishment---which long since welcomed the Urban League as one of its own.

If the administration pursues a pointless path that can bring only more delay and more talk instead of vigorous reform action, it will mightily deserve the succession of Wattses it will surely get.

Sincerely yours,

An angry American